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tors to run this program and by the time we are done administering services to the poor there ain't much money to give them. So I, from a philosophical point of view, don't believe in Community Action Agencies because I think that they result in the proliferation of that delivery service.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CULLAN: And I think all of the agencies responsibilities could be consolidated. Now I believe that and I believe that when the time comes for the State of Nebraska to decide how to administer these programs we ought to debate those kinds of issues rather than lock us in to a very inflexible situation. Now let's make one more point. What we are doing is very critical. Even if we adopt the Warner amendment where we go back to the 90% we are severely limiting our flexibility to channel money because the Community...the block grant provides that we can distribute that money, that Community Service money among all the eligible agencies. Now that includes the Commission on Aging. That includes the Community Action Agencies. That includes the Senior Citizens Council. That includes the Nebraska Association for Farm Workers. So what we are doing today on the basis of arguments that we should legitimize the Community Action Agencies we are freezing everybody else out of a large percentage of that money. We haven't been told why we should freeze them out but we are told that we should freeze them out. Now I think we should either hear a great deal of justification for freezing them out or we should kill this bill and leave people who are knowledgeable about the issue some flexibility to make the decisions.

PRESIDENT: Time has expired, Senator.

SENATOR CULLAN: That is why this is an important bill. That is why it should be killed now.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to indefinitely postpone LB 490. The House is under Call. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Two members are excused at the present time. The motion is to indefinitely postpone LB 490. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 25 nays on the motion to indefinitely postpone, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. Is there another motion